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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

1. I TALKED THIS EVENING JUNE 3 WITH FORMIN BULA, TELLING HIM OF MY CONCERN AND OF WASHINGTON'S CONCERN OVER LACK SO FAR OF RESPONSE FROM GOZ CONCERNING PROPOSED VAGNI MISSION. I SAID THAT ON BASIS TELEPHONE CALL FROM WASHINGTON I WAS MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED THAT WE, AND ESPECIALLY GOZ, RISKED PROVOKING SERIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM IF IT BECAME APPARENT GOZ NOT RESPONDING TO OUR PROPOSAL TRY TO ESTABLISH CHANNEL FOR DIALOGUE WITH KIDNAPPERS.

2. ON POSITIVE SIDE, HE PROMISED DECISION TOMORROW, SAYING PRESIDENT RETURNING "VERS MIDI." ON DISTURBING SIDE HE TALKED OF HIS INABILITY SO FAR TO CONSULT WITH GENERALS MOLONGYA AND BABIA, ADDING MEETING WAS SET FOR TOMORROW MORNING. I ASKED WHAT THEY HAD TO DO WITH DIALOGUE PROPOSALS, AND HE REPLIED IT IS NECESSARY TO EXAMINE PROBLEM "COMME UN UNSEMBLE." ONE HAD TO BE CERTAIN, HE SAID, THAT NOTHING WAS DONE TO ENDANGER STUDENTS. WITH THAT I AGREED, ADDING I COULD SEE NO DANGER ARISING FOR CAPTIVES IF PERE VAGNI WERE TO TRY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT. HE SAID YES BUT WE HAVE TO LAY ENTIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER BEFORE PRESIDENT. HE REPEATED HE WOULD HAVE WORD FOR ME

TOMORROW.

3. FOR BUJUMBURA: SUGGEST YOU TRY CONVINCE VAGNI TO DELAY HIS TRIP ONE MORE DAY. DUTCH AMBASSADOR HAS CABLED HIS GOVT URGING MESSAGE FROM QUEEN BE PREPARED TONIGHT FOR DESPATCH DIRECTLY BY TELEX TO MOBUTU TOMORROW, UNLESS HE ADVISES TO CONTRARY AT 7 AM. ZULU. I PLAN TO INFORM HIM OF BULA TALK AND URGE HIM TO PROCEED I IMAGINE HE WILL AGREE. HOWEVER, IF IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT WE APPROACH DUTCH GOVERNMENT, HAVING NOW HEARD VERKADE DISCUSS QUEEN'S SENSITIVITIES AND KEAN SENSE HERI PEROGATIVES, I RECOMMEND AGAINST.

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